

Remarks

Claims 1-18 are at issue. Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Blinn et al (US 5,897,622)

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General Comments

Blinn is concerned with presenting dynamically generated HTML pages for on-line Merchants. (See Abstract) As a result, Blinn uses HTML structures (Col. 6, lines 47-48) which makes their process more complicated and less flexible than the present application. The present application is concerned with converting between different data structures to allow different applications to share data. As a result, the present invention is built around XML statements in the BizDocument (Paragraph 0023). As a result, the independent claims have been amended to emphasize these differences.

Claim 1 requires that the BizDocument contain XML. This is not shown in the prior art. Claim 1 is allowable.

Claim 15 requires that the BizDocument, BixComponent and BizDriver include XML. The Examiner points to Col. 7, lines 50-52 of Blinn. However a close reading of this section shows that XML is never discussed. A computer search of the terms "XML" and "extensible" of the Blinn patent turned up no hits. Claim 15 is allowable.

Claims 2-14 & 16-18 are allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

Prompt reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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